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	<b>Inventor:</b>	<b>Holmes, M.</b>
	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes</b>
	<b>Responsive No.:</b>	<b>Office Action of April 18, 2005</b>
	<b>Examiner:</b>	<b>Nguyen, Xuan Lan T</b>
	<b>Art Unit:</b>	<b>3683</b>

Dear Commissioner:

Please find enclosed an Amendment in Patent Application relating to the Restraining Gasket for Mechanical Joints of Pipes, Application Serial No. 09/590,586. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this response into the record.

Yours very truly,

  
Nathan W. Johnson

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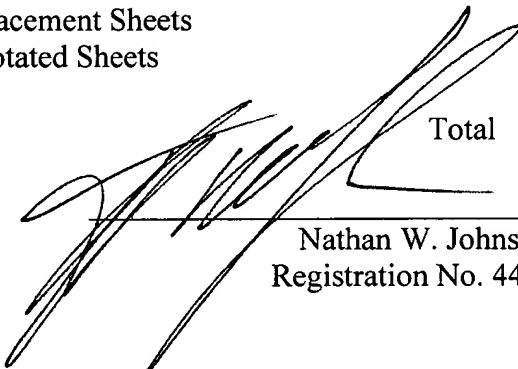
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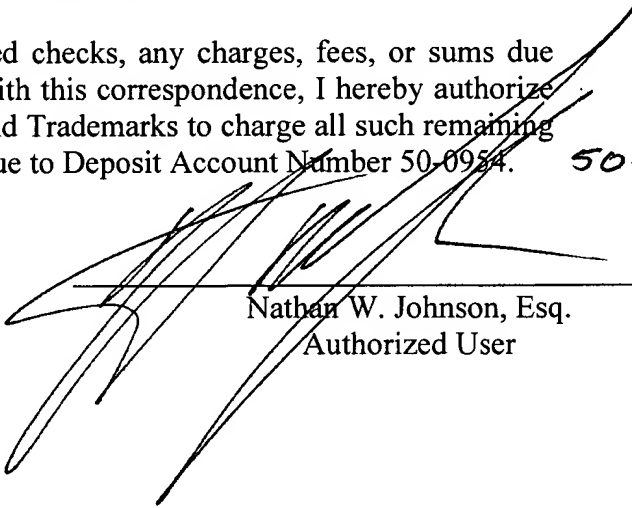
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## Amendment in Patent Application

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed April 18, 2005. Reconsideration in light of this submission is respectfully requested. If the Examiner requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [NJohnson@BradleyArant.com](mailto:NJohnson@BradleyArant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

**Amendments to the Specification** - None

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** - begin on Page 4 of this paper and as Appendix after page 10.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 5 of this paper.

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